



**General Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month from 2:00p.m to 4:00p.m. at the Congregational Church, Kilwardby Street, Ashby de la Zouch**

**Last General Meeting:** 26th April  
**Speaker:** Melanie Wilson  
**Subject:** Leicester Heritage Apples

The Project was initiated 10 years ago as a way of identifying and recording named cultivars or varieties of apples, a history/pedigree for each, and specific characteristics. Trees must originate locally. The Project reproduces a tree by taking and grafting from original tree. Just planting a pip isn't good enough, as the variant can deviate from its parent. Grafting establishes a clone of the original and preserves its unique characteristics. There are estimated to be about 20,000 varieties in existence, made up of about 6000 main types in the national registry. Leicestershire have at least 14 main types. The large no. of varieties helps protect from disease. As the commercial world uses only about 6 it is clear that these can easily be heavily impacted by diseased, so it is important to maintain a reservoir of healthy types. Apples have many uses, aside from eating or cooking with. However the traditional skills of making chutneys, jams, and storage are dying out. Different varieties are used for different purposes. Melanie outlined some of the interesting ways in which apples left to themselves can propagate with different patterns along different sorts of roads. As grafting is a main method of propagating the cultivars, it follows that as many grafts as possible should be supported on each host stock. So far it has been found that the maximum no of grafts on one tree is about 200+ A standard tree can last 20, and up to 100 years. The change to mechanised picking changed the type of tree planted, requiring them all to be the same height. The Project is continually adding to the register of known varieties: they observe new varieties and log them. Then see if they ARE new, or an old one recovered. Several varieties discussed, and their characteristics and uses explained. The Project works with various people and groups, but not local authorities. Schools etc are a very good environment for this. Melanie showed us how they go hunting rare varieties, tracking down stray references in books etc. There was a lively Q & A session on the effect of weather changes and diseases and whether to spray or not. Melanie recommended that diseased trees should be let die. She prefers not to interfere with nature. It seems that there is a lot of chemistry involved in rooting.

### **Next General Meeting:**

**Date:** 31st May  
**Speaker:** Alan Phillips  
**Subject:** Take Heart, Leicester

2016	Tea and Coffee Rota	Meeters and Greeters
May	Sandra Fox, Mary Gough, Angela Camplin	Avril and Bill Wilson
June		Mary Gough and Pat Heath
July	Cath Baker	
August	The Committee	
September	Phil & Sue Bloor, Christine Dogherty, Sonia Spence	
October		
November		
December	The Committee	

	Reporting Group	
May	History Industrial Heritage	Dorothy Chapman Mike Stow
June	Italian Literature	Lynda Hall Sandra Harris
July	Lunch Medium Walks	Ray Bentley Carole Harriman
August	none	
September	Music Appreciation Quiz	David Oakley Malcolm Bird
October	Trips & Outings Walking	John Howlett Bob Baxendale
November	Bird Watching Bridge	James Bloor Neil Roberts
December	none	

### Interest Groups Timetable:

#### **May**

Interest group	Meeting date and time	Venue
<a href="#">Bird Watching</a>	6th May all day	Whisby Country Park, Lincoln via minibus
<a href="#">Bridge</a>	2nd May at 2-4 pm 9th May at 7-9 pm 16th May at 2-4 pm 23rd May at 7-9 pm 30th May at 2-4 pm	Royal Hotel, Ashby.
<a href="#">Calligraphy</a>	May 10th at 2pm	Ann Stapley's
<a href="#">Computer</a>	4th May at 2 pm 16th May at 2 pm	16 Winchester Way 16 Winchester Way
<a href="#">Digital Photography</a>	5th May at 10 am.	Meet at 16 Winchester Way . Possible trip on location TBA
<a href="#">Drawing and painting</a>	18th May at 10 am	Ashby Library for 'Art about Town'
<a href="#">Family History</a>	11th May at 2 pm	2 Marlborough Way
<a href="#">Gardening</a>	19th May at 2.00pm	Wymeswold NGS Gardens Self-drive and lift

Interest group	Meeting date and time	Venue
		share, Meet at destination at 2pm
<a href="#">History</a>	26th May	Grace Dieu Abbey Visit
<a href="#">Industrial Heritage</a>	25th May at 9.00am	Meet at the Royal Hotel for coach to Bletchley Park.
<a href="#">Italian</a>	18th May at 2.00 pm	2 Marlborough Way
<a href="#">Literature</a>	10th May at 1.30pm	28 Willesley Gardens
<a href="#">Lunch</a>	12th May at 12 noon	Belper Arms, Newton Burgoland
<a href="#">Medium Walks</a>	9th May at 9.45 for 10.00am	Park at Ticknall village hall car park
<a href="#">Music Appreciation</a>	4th May at 10am	43 Cambrian Way.
<a href="#">Quiz</a>	18th May at 2.30pm	Bull and Lion Packington
<a href="#">Recorder</a>	Thursday, 5th May at 10 am.	65 Gresley Wood Road, Church Gresley, Swadlincote, DE11 9QP
<a href="#">Short Walks</a>	20th May at 10.00	Meet at the Thornton Reservoir car park.
<a href="#">Trips and Outings</a>	25th May	The coach will be going to Bletchley first and then on to Woburn. Details on trips page
<a href="#">Walking</a>	3rd May 10 am start 17th May 10 am start	Stanage Edge Bluebell Inn, Main Street Hoby. LE14 3DT

### **Early June**

Interest group	Meeting date and time	Venue
<b>Bird Watching</b>	3rd June , all day	Whisby Country Park, Lincoln via minibus
<b>Bridge</b>	6th June at 7-9 pm	Royal Hotel, Ashby.
<b>Computer</b>	1st June at 2pm	16 Winchester Way
<b>Digital Photography</b>	Thurs 2nd June at 10am	16 Winchester Way
<b>Music Appreciation</b>	Wed 1st June at 10am	TBA
<b>Walking</b>	Tues 7th June at 9.45 for 10am	Clumber Park Hotel

\*For trips, outings, walks and other events which meet away from the usual venues, see further details in the relevant Group Reports below, or on our website [www.ashbyu3a.co.uk](http://www.ashbyu3a.co.uk)

## **Group Reports**

**Bird Watching – Leader James Bloor [birdwatch@ashbyu3a.co.uk](mailto:birdwatch@ashbyu3a.co.uk)**

### **Ashby U3A Birding Group Field Trip to RSPB Titchwell Marsh**

Nine members of the Birding Group travelled by minibus to north Norfolk to visit RSPB Titchwell Marsh, a very popular reserve.

Initially the weather was fine and mild but we soon had to contend with several short bursts of heavy rain, and strong winds on the beach.

From the car park we heard a newly-arrived Chiffchaff and a Cetti's Warbler as we scanned a channel between the reedbeds, seeing a pair of Red-crested Pochards, with Greylags and Canada Geese.

From the Island Hide we counted 30+ Brent Geese on the water and the small islands with Black-tailed Godwits, Shovelers, Lesser Black-backed Gulls and three Avocets feeding in the water just in front of us. We took our packed lunch in Parrinder Hide, as we watched several Redshanks, a pair of Oystercatchers, good numbers of Teal and more Avocets, then a single Curlew in the mud by a creek.

We ventured onto the beach, and, although subjected to a fierce crosswind and a brief shower, we found a raft of c30 Common Scoters just offshore and a pair of Red-breasted Mergansers.

Returning to Parrinder Hide, this time looking over the freshwater scrape, we saw good numbers of Shelducks, with several pairs of Gadwall and more Teal and watched three Marsh Harriers quartering the far reeds, occasionally dropping down out of sight, then, against the skyline and over the reeds, two Swallows insect-hunting.

As we followed the path back towards Visitor Centre, we found a Little Egret on the marsh to the right, and on the open water, several pairs of Tufted Ducks and Common Pochards.

Finally we checked the freshwater pond from the Viewing Screen and had good views of two pairs of Red-crested Pochards, more Marsh Harriers, this time much closer, and a single Dabchick.

We heard another Cettis' again as we walked back to the minibus, via the shop and Visitor Centre.

We left the reserve at 3.30 p.m. for the 3 hour drive back to Ashby, having enjoyed a good day out, seeing or hearing more than 25 different species.

Our next field trip, probably via minibus again, is planned for Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May to the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust Reserve at Whisby, just south of Lincoln, to hear, and possibly even see, Nightingales and other summer visitors.

### **Bridge – Leader Neil Roberts 01530 455957**

This is Bridge for players of all levels playing friendly Contract Bridge with some chatter.

Several of our number are "beginners" or "returners" and we have experienced players who are happy to help others improve their game. We now have about 20 active players.

We meet weekly on Mondays at the Royal Hotel, Ashby and at present we alternate afternoons and evenings.

The agreement with the Royal is that we pay for refreshments. Currently when we play we pay £2.50 per week. The Royal provide Car Parking Permits free to our group when playing Bridge.

If you would like to know more contact Neil on 01530 455957 or Pat Ford on 01827 830672

**Next meetings:** Monday 9th April at 7 - 9pm

Monday 16th April at 2 - 4pm

### **Calligraphy – Leader Jenny Slawson 01283 229718**

A small but friendly group, we enjoy extending our calligraphy skills through a more experimental and creative approach to writing texts. We focus mainly on italic and uncial scripts and have produced some very imaginative pieces both at home and during our monthly meetings. We usually meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 2pm.

Five of us enjoyed an afternoon in Carol's summerhouse exploring different ways of interpreting 'phrase on a wave'. We used a really free approach to the topic, both in the writing style and also how it could be presented, ready to produce our chosen method at the next meeting and we all agreed that we had come a long way since we first started calligraphy when our first tentative attempts were judged mainly by the mistakes we made. Now we have so much more confidence to try out different ideas and not be put off by the mistakes we sometimes make which makes it so much more fun to do!

**Next meeting:** Tuesday 10th May at 2pm at Ann Stapely's house.

### **Computers – Leader John Howlett 01530 461774**

The Computer Group meets twice a month on the first Wednesday and third Monday of the month.

We are not all computer geeks, but we do have members who know something about most types of computer whether it is a Windows PC, an Apple Mac, an iPad or an Android tablet.

We also discuss how to look after the files, music or photos on your computer, how to make backups or how to copy them to DVD or all sorts of "interesting" problems.

One thing we can't do is undertake hardware repairs, but we might know someone who can!

So if there is something you don't understand about your computer, from the simplest to the more esoteric, come along and we'll see what we can do for you.

**OR**

We now have a new **Computer Helpline** so you can email us with any problems or questions. We can email you back, or better still, you can come along to the next meeting and someone should have worked out your problem and be able to talk you through it.

Send us details of your problem to [help.computer@ashbyu3a.co.uk](mailto:help.computer@ashbyu3a.co.uk)

U3A Computer Group Meeting

6th April 2016

A good turnout of six today.

We welcome a new addition: Tom

There was considerable talk about transferring files and photos between devices. John D spent some time with Tom exploring the various ways in which the iPad can be used to import and export files, PDF's and photos back and forth using Dropbox and emails.

David and John H looked at a problem with a slow running laptop. As the internet speed in the house was around 65 MBPS via a hard wire connection and 35 via the Wi-Fi, the problem may be in the laptop. Various ways of interlinking devices were discussed, including cable, Dropbox or other Cloud services, emails, and transferable storage devices such as cards and removable hard drives.

The Group discussed online security, as many people now do their online banking via mobile devices such as phones, laptops and tablets. These are more vulnerable to crooks than hardwired machines such

as PC's.

One particularly worrying scam is where a thief manages to obtain, from the public domain, information about someone, deducing passwords and security codes in common use, then calls the bank to say they have made mistakes in signing on and asking for their password to be reset. Then they clean out the victim's account.

Moral: Make sure your passwords AND supporting secure identification information (check phrases such as mother's maiden name) are not easily deducible. After all, the Family History Group can get this stuff easily, and so can the crooks!

We next meet at 16 Winchester Way on Monday 18th April at 2.00 pm.

18th April 2016

Seven of us worked together on various topics.

Chief was assisting a new member to master Excel and emailing.

In another part of the forest we looked at tablets and handling documents via Dropbox and other cloud systems

**Next meeting:** on 4th May at 2 Marlborough Way, at 2.00 pm.

### **Digital Photography – Leader John Howlett 01530 461774**

Meeting 7th April

Only four today, but including a new recruit: Derek.

Derek had a problem with getting a new flashgun to work with his camera. We talked about the possible causes, but eventually the equipment worked as advertised! There may be a conflict with the flashgun's systems and specific settings on the camera: Derek will experiment to see where the 'envelope' is.

There was also some discussion of Photoshop and the current versions. Under certain circumstances the programme can lock up. This needs further research.

We moved on to looking at various options for indexing photos and transferring them between devices. Steve has an app that allows him to send photos directly from his camera to any of his devices, without using a local router. This can be very handy out in the field.

We also looked briefly at various strategies for maximising battery life of cameras and phone out in the field. John D showed his portable rechargeable power supply, and the talk included back packs for phones and induction chargers. All of these should be part of an overall power usage strategy.

**Next meeting:** on Thursday 5th May at 2 Marlborough Way at 10.00 am, for which we may be planning an outside location expedition.

Keep tuned!

### **Drawing and Painting – Contact Chris Dogherty 01530 411148**

Last meeting: 20th April 2016

What luck! The U3A painting and drawing morning was warm and sunny, so we took advantage of such a bonus and went to Moira furnace, where there were trees, buildings and boats to draw and a coffee shop to refresh ourselves after a delightful session.

**Next meeting;** May 18th. 10am at Ashby Library to follow the Ashby Arts Festival outdoor "Art about Town" gallery.

## **Family History – Leader John Dogherty 01530 411148**

13th April 2016

Nobody came

**Next meeting:** 2 Marlborough Way on the 11th May, at 2.00 pm.

## **Gardening - Leader Paul Dean 01283 295987**

The group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 2.00pm unless otherwise indicated.

Our April trip was to the Dorothy Clive Gardens and Bridgemoor Garden Centre close to the Shropshire, Cheshire and Staffordshire border. We visited the garden centre first and enjoyed a relaxing walk around viewing the plants, display garden and various retail outlets on site. Some members bought plants to take home to their own garden. A well-stocked cafe offering hot snacks, drinks and lunches was visited by many of us.

The Dorothy Clive Garden was created by her husband to add interest to his wife's daily walk. Dorothy who suffered from Parkinson's disease walked her dog daily but her husband observed that she and the dog appeared bored with their regular walk and set about adding interesting features around every corner. Later a woodland rhododendron walk was built on the site of a quarry adjoining the garden. The gardens lived up to our expectations from the beautiful serenity of the gardens to the fascinating newly built greenhouse and up to the minute boiler system.

## **History – Leader Dorothy Chapman 01530 413042**

28th April 2016

Votes for Women

Dr. John Sutton. Leicestershire Talks.

Dr Sutton gave a very thorough and illuminating talk on the history and development of the 'Votes for Women' movement.

Although there had been activity in the 19th century since early on, it wasn't until Emmeline Pankhurst and her daughters became involved that the movement became properly organised.

The campaign effectively lasted from 1889 until 1928, with many twists and turns. In practice the movement progressed from political agitation, via protests to more violent activity. At this point the family split into violent and non-violent factions.

They attracted a variety of supporters who put themselves at great risk during the more active stages, by hunger striking, chaining themselves to railings, window smashing, leading large protest rallies and generally making their presence felt. This led to deaths, including the 1913 Tragedy at Epsom, where Emily Wilding Davison was run down by the King's horse. John showed us extracts from Clare Balding's documentary and reconstruction, which seemed to show she might not actually have been trying to commit suicide. She seems to have been trying to attach a scarf with logos on it to the horse. Certainly she had tickets for a show that night. How foolish to try to intercept a half ton horse travelling at 40 to 50 miles an hour, though!

The movement changed dramatically at the outset of WWI. Pankhurst called a halt to all disruptive activities and encouraged women to help with the War effort.

After the War, events moved, sometimes not too smoothly, through various stages to the Equal Fran-

chise Act of 1928 which gave everybody over 21 the vote. Unfortunately Emmeline died just before this final victory.

Altogether a splendid talk.

**Next meeting** May 26th Grace Dieu Abbey Visit

### **Industrial Heritage – Leader Mike Stow 01530 469152**

#### **Last Visit. 27th April. Midland Air Museum, Coventry**

We had 14 intrepid would be aviators on the trip to the Midland Air Museum adjacent to Coventry airport. Split into two groups we had a two hour guided tour of the static aircraft on display. The highlight being an inspection of the cockpit of an Avro Vulcan where we were regaled with tales of the Falklands conflict and how the Vulcans were deployed during the cold war. All it took was the press of one button to fire up all four engines and the plane could be in the air within four minutes of a squadron scramble! We got into the flight deck of an Argosy and saw all kinds of fighters from the UK, USA and USSR. After a lunch un the museum cafeteria those with any energy left spent some time looking round the very comprehensive museum with artefacts showing the development of Whittle's jet engine and the history of aircraft development going back to WW2. All in all and enjoyable trip.

**Next meeting** 25th May Bletchley Park the coach leaves at at 9am and is now full.

### **Italian Group – Leader Lynda Hall 01530 415922**

11th April 2016

Three of us plus Lynda worked through exercises in types of domestic dwellings, and the rooms they contained, using verbs in various persons and tenses.

**Next meeting** 2 pm on May 18th at 2 Marlborough Way

### **Literature Group - Leader Sandra Harris 01530 416653**

The group meets at 1.30pm as in the dark days of winter most members like to drive home while it is still light. We have many lively discussions and agree to differ about many aspects of the books we read.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday 10th May at 28 Willesley Gardens:-  
“Purple Hibiscus ” by “Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie ”

### **Luncheon Group – Leader Ray Bentley 01530 412505**

We are a group of men and ladies who enjoy a meal together, we take it in turn to choose a venue and organise it. Everyone is welcome, all we ask is that you sign the board in the coffee room at the monthly meeting prior to the lunch, so we can book the relevant number of seats. If you cannot make the monthly meeting please use the contact email or phone number.

**Next meeting:** Thursday 12th May at 12 noon for 12.30 at Belper Arms, Newton Burgoland



### **Music Appreciation – Leader David Oakley 01530 563409**

Eight of us met at Mary Week's home to play, listen and enjoy another wide selection of music brought by the members of the group.

David launched the session with two pieces by Benny Andersson. The first was 'The Story of a Heart' from his 2009 album of the same name. Secondly, the song 'Someone Else's Story' from the Broadway production of 'Chess'.

Dorothy then provided a quieter moment with her choice of 'Meditation' by Massenet and Eric Satie's 'Gymnopedie'.

We then headed in an entirely different direction with Ann's choice of 'A Room with a View' composed and sung by Noel Coward, followed by Jimmy Durante singing 'As Time Goes By'.

Leslie had selected two tracks from an album celebrating the music of George Gershwin. The first had Elton John singing 'Someone to Watch over Me' followed by Larry Adler and orchestra playing 'Rhapsody in Blue'.

Wendy had chosen an oratorio the rest of us had never heard before with selections from 'Terezin' by Ruth Fazal. This includes a libretto of children's poetry from the wartime ghetto and transit camp at Terezin. She also told us of her 48 hour return journey to Toronto just to hear a live performance of the piece.

Clare's choice this month was Gilbert & Sullivan. First the 'Three Little Maids' from the Mikado followed by 'Ruler of the Queen's Navy' from HMS Pinafore.

Finally Neil's selection included Ray Charles singing 'Lucky old Sun' and Joan Armatrading's 'Weakness in Me' and to close the session 'Mary Ann with the Shaking Hand' by the Who.

A big thank you to Mary for her hospitality.

**Next meeting:** 10 am on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 43 Cambrian Way.

### **Quiz group - Leader Malcolm Bird 01530 563872**

The group meet at the Bull and Lion, Packington. The Start time is 2.30 and involves tables of four. You do not need to arrange a team of four before the meeting as teams can be organised on the day. This enables single individuals to take part - and to make new friends by joining an ad hoc team.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday 18th May at 2.30

### **Trips and Outings Group - Contact Margaret Howlett 01530 461774**

The Trips and Outings group has been revived with Margaret and John Howlett taking over the mantle as group leaders.

**Next trip:** The first trip planned is to Woburn Abbey on 25th May. This will be a coach-sharing joint venture with Industrial Heritage group who are going to Bletchley Park on the same day. The coach will drop off the IH members at Bletchley before going on to Woburn Abbey just 20 mins away. There is one place left on the coach for either Woburn or Bletchley. For those going, their £10 non-refundable deposit per person should have been sent by now to:

M Howlett, 16 Winchester Way, Ashby de la Zouch, LE65 2NR

There will be further trips to Tatton Park House and Gardens on 30th June, and to Gloucester City and Docks in late August. The proposed dates for Gloucester are 23rd, 26th and 31st August. If you wish to

go, please send your preferred dates to Margaret. Full details are on our website.

### **Walking Group - Leader Bob Baxendale 01530 481435**

The walking group usually does walks of between 7-8 miles, twice a month, and normally have a lunch stop at a pub near to, or at the end of, the walk.

The leader will be at the meeting place whatever the weather and will only cancel the walk in consultation with those who turn up on the day. All dogs must be kept under control at all times. Walking boots or strong shoes are recommended. Be prepared for bad weather by taking warm waterproof clothing. Leaders act in a voluntary capacity. All ramblers walk at their own risk.

5th April The walking group met at the Wolferstan Arms Shuttington on 5th April. After leaving the village via a path at the end of Milner Close we headed off towards Alvecote village crossing the West Coast main railway line just outside the village. We then walked through Pooley Country Park passing Pooley Hall and then following the canal into Polesworth. We followed Station Road out of Polesworth and then took the path across fields to Bramcote Hall. We had to cross the M42 motorway on a foot bridge to take the path back to Shuttington and lunch at the Wolferstan Arms. 13 walkers today.

19th April Fourteen of us set out to scale Bardon Hill, at 912 feet the highest point in Leicestershire (much more impressive in feet rather than 278 metres) on a gloriously sunny spring morning. After admiring the distant views and the much closer impressive depths of the quarry, we skirted the new quarry workings between Bardon and Copt Oak before stopping for coffee on the approach to Charley Woods. On restarting the leader slipped into the mud. Fortunately for his embarrassment, he was at that time leading from behind so not many people witnessed it and there are no photographs! From Copt Oak, we returned via Whites Hill only to discover that the footpath back to our starting point, which had only recently been diverted and fenced because of the new quarry workings, had been closed off. We therefore had to finish our 7.5 miles along roads before adjourning for well earned refreshment at the Charnwood Arms. A beautiful sunny spring day.

**Next meeting** 17th May Meet at Bluebell Inn, Main Street Hoby. LE14 3DT.

### **Medium walks – Leader Carole Harriman**

The Medium Walk group do walks of up to 6 miles. Anyone interested please contact Carole.

Monday 12th April 6 walkers met at Repton church for a 5 mile walk with 16 stiles, we walked across fields by the river Trent/Dove to Newton Solney, a very picturesque walk, seeing lots of swans. Then through the village and back across very large fields back to Repton. This was a walk that none of us had done before, it was nice to see new countryside.

**Next meeting** 9th May at 10am Park at Ticknall village hall car park

### **Short walks Group – Leader John Howlett 01530 461774**

The short walk group organises walks using well defined paths and routes without stiles. The maximum length is 3 miles. All are welcome.

April 15<sup>th</sup>: 5 Brave walkers set out from Conkers Waterside car park on the dot of 10.00 as we were expecting rain at 11. We walked towards the main conkers site but turned left toward the disused railway. When we reached the actual path of the track we discussed the route and set off towards Donisthorpe. With imminent expectation of rain we discussed shortening the route at each junction except the one we eventually took. Having arrived at the end of the track we found no path to the canal so returned to the last turn off and found the Donisthorpe basin.

It was still fine if overcast so we followed the canal admiring the water fowl this included a coot on its nest with two babies which we could easily take as moorhens. We also found a male mallard with an unknown duck. We also found the Moira furnace barge taking school children on barge trips. The rain had started at this stage but it was very light. We repaired to the hub for coffee and biscuit plus a discussion of future walks. The May walk will be around Thornton Reservoir the June Bradgate and August Swadlincote perhaps.

After coffee a short walk back to the cars and home.

**Next walk:** Friday 20th May at 10 am start.  
Meet at the Thornton reservoir car park..

### **New group Recorder led by Joan Gibson email recorder@ashbyu3a.co.uk**

I am hoping to form a recorder group, meeting twice a month, to make music in a relaxed, fun way. I would hope that we would be able to cater for a wide range of experience and skill.

If you are interested, have a recorder (any size), and would like to make music in a group, please contact me or James via the website.

### **Your Committee**

Following the AGM on 28th July 2015, the following were elected to the Committee.

John Howlett	Chairman	<a href="mailto:chairman@ashbyu3a.co.uk">chairman@ashbyu3a.co.uk</a>
Anne Donegan	Business Secretary	<a href="mailto:secretary@ashbyu3a.co.uk">secretary@ashbyu3a.co.uk</a>
Dorothy Chapman	Membership Secretary	<a href="mailto:members@ashbyu3a.co.uk">members@ashbyu3a.co.uk</a>
Neil Roberts	Treasurer	<a href="mailto:treasurer@ashbyu3a.co.uk">treasurer@ashbyu3a.co.uk</a>
Tony Smith	Minutes Secretary	<a href="mailto:minutes@ashbyu3a.co.uk">minutes@ashbyu3a.co.uk</a>
Ann Stapley	Speaker seeker	<a href="mailto:speakers@ashbyu3a.co.uk">speakers@ashbyu3a.co.uk</a>
James Bloor	Groups Coordinator	<a href="mailto:interestg@ashbyu3a.co.uk">interestg@ashbyu3a.co.uk</a>
Mike Stow	Web site	<a href="mailto:webmaster@ashbyu3a.co.uk">webmaster@ashbyu3a.co.uk</a>
Ann Thompson	Welfare	<a href="mailto:welfare@ashbyu3a.co.uk">welfare@ashbyu3a.co.uk</a>
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